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THE LIBERTAD ACT

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nd (d)

¶1. (C) Summary. We spoke May 18 with MFA Team Leader for Latin America Kit Clausen, who assured us that Denmark remains vocal in both bilateral and EU fora in pressing for democracy and human rights in Cuba. While Denmark supports dialogue with Havana, they insist that any dialogue be critical and support full Cuban implementation of political and human rights agreements and conventions. Paras below are keyed to questions provided reftel. End Summary.

¶2. (C) Denmark works actively to promote the advancement of democracy and human rights in Cuba. Denmark has been active within the EU, as well as in bilateral discussions with countries within the region, in insisting that dialogue with Cuba go hand-in-hand with criticism of regime abuses and support for political rights.

¶3. (U) There have been no high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and Denmark in the past six months.

¶4. (U) Danish business and investment activity in Cuba is limited. There is no direct investment. Trade consists of imports and exports. 2007 figures indicate approximately 160 million DKK (\$29million) in exports, primarily in dairy products and pharmaceuticals, and 150 million DKK (\$27million) in imports, primarily in oil and oil products.

¶5. (U) There are no bilateral trade or other cooperative agreements between Denmark and Cuba.

¶6. (U) There are no Danish government-sponsored exchange programs with Cuba, though some Danish universities (like the University of Copenhagen) do have institution-to-institution exchanges.

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